

Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution

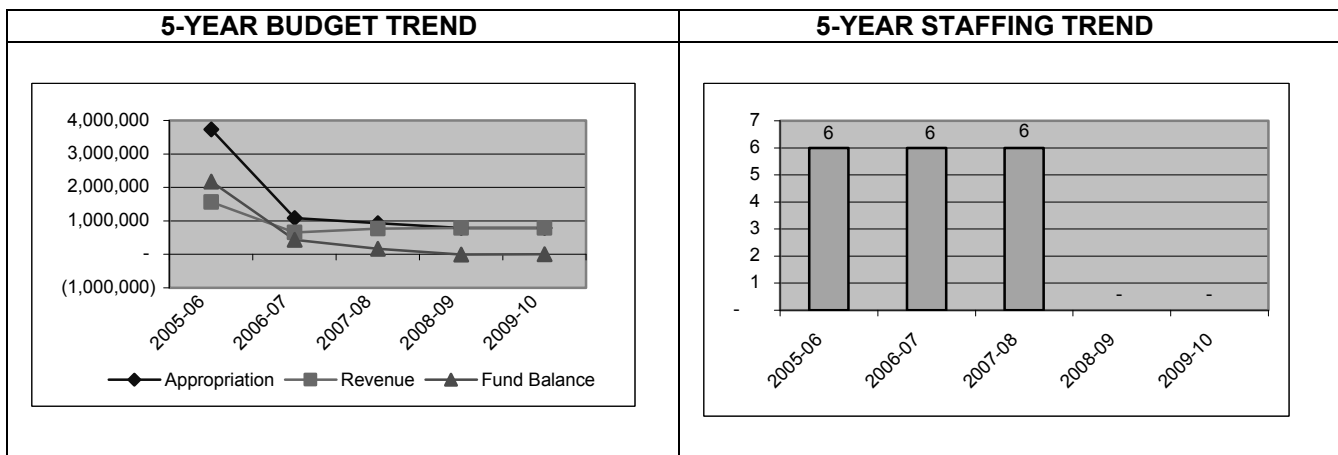
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

Insurance fraud is a particular problem for automobile policyholders. It is one of the biggest and fastest growing segments of insurance fraud and contributes substantially to the high cost of automobile insurance with particular significance in urban areas. Prevention of automobile insurance fraud can significantly reduce insurance claim payments and may therefore produce a commensurate reduction in automobile insurance premiums.

Under the direction of the Insurance commissioner, the California Department of Insurance makes funds available, as authorized by Section 18971 of the California Insurance Code, to the District Attorney's Office for investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

There is no staffing in this budget unit. Revenue from this budget unit is transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to cover the costs of two investigators and two deputy district attorneys.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

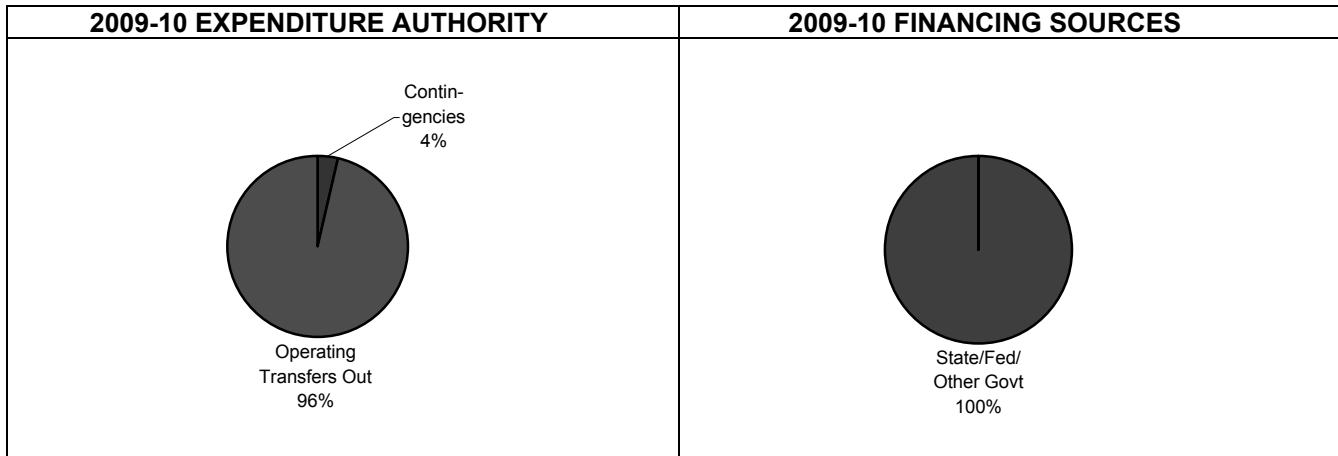
	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Modified Budget	2008-09 Actual
Appropriation	776,554	922,561	914,774	745,036	741,102
Departmental Revenue	653,228	655,754	746,269	750,269	746,335
Fund Balance				(5,233)	

Actual appropriation for 2008-09 is slightly lower than modified budget. The program award was lower due to a mid-year grant reduction by the Department of Insurance which impacts the amount to transfer out. The transfers out also reflect lower than the modified grant award because of a negative fund balance at the beginning of the year.

Actual departmental revenue for 2008-09 is slightly lower than modified budget. However, this budget received reduced grant funding as described above. Also, interest revenue was not generated because disbursements are made quarterly and monies are used immediately after receipt. This results in minimal interest being generated.



ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecuion

BUDGET UNIT: RIP DAT
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2008-09 Final Budget	2009-10 Final Budget	Change From 2008-09 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	694,207	834,356	845,309	-	-	-	-
Services and Supplies	57,959	61,127	40,238	(52)	-	-	-
Central Computer	3,192	4,525	5,724	(460)	-	-	-
Transfers	21,196	22,553	23,503	-	-	-	-
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	561	28,073	27,512
Total Appropriation	776,554	922,561	914,774	(512)	561	28,073	27,512
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	741,614	783,206	756,927	(26,279)
Total Requirements	776,554	922,561	914,774	741,102	783,767	785,000	1,233
Departmental Revenue							
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	186,567	-	-	-
Use of Money and Prop	6,542	3,904	-	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	646,639	651,850	746,269	559,760	785,000	785,000	-
Other Revenue	47	-	-	8	-	-	-
Total Revenue	653,228	655,754	746,269	746,335	789,000	785,000	(4,000)
				Fund Balance	(5,233)	-	5,233

Contingencies of \$28,073 are increased based on projected grant award in 2009-10.

Operating transfers out of \$756,927 cover the cost of four employees in the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit who investigate and prosecute auto insurance fraud cases. Staff working on these cases has been reduced by 1 secretary in order to keep expenses below projected grant award.

Interest is reduced as grant distribution occurs quarterly and the money does not remain in this budget unit long enough to generate interest.

Grant revenue of \$785,000 is budgeted at the same level as the 2008-09 amounts. The department will return to the Board and modify budget to match actual award when grant received.

